MR. BELUR SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to inform this House :—

(*a*) The percentage of cures of patients that were in-patients including those in the Special Wards in the Victoria and Maternity Hospitals for each of the last five years as compared with the previous five years.

(*b*) The number and description of successful operations in serious cases.

(*c*) The amount spent on patent medicines.

(*d*) The number of patients from mofussil residences that were admitted to the hospitals and that underwent operation and treatment.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—(*a*) A statement giving the percentage is put up.

(*b*) Statements furnishing the information for the Victoria Hospital and Maternity Hospital separately are put up.

(*c*) A statement giving the figures for each of the above institutions for the last five years is put up.

(*d*) A statement furnishing information regarding the Maternity Hospital for the past three years is put up.

As regards the Victoria Hospital it is stated that exact information is not available as patients coming from mofussil get admitted into the hospital through some local resident whose address alone is usually given and recorded and as the registers as now maintained do not furnish information with any degree of accuracy.

MR. KARNICK KRISHNAMURTHI RAO, MAGADI TALUK.—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) When and during whose period were *annachatrams* established in the Mysore State.

(*b*) How many were established?

(*c*) From what fund and with what object were these established?

(*d*) How many *chatrams* have been closed till now—their number and station may be kindly stated.

(*e*) For what reason were they closed?

(*f*) How much savings has been effected as a result of the closure of these *chatrams*?

(*g*) How has the savings thus effected been utilised?

(*h*) Is the amount thus saved utilised towards the upkeep of the major *chatrams* at Tirupathi, Benares and other places? If so, details may be kindly furnished.

(*i*) Did the Government at any time appoint a Committee regarding the management of these *annachatrams*? If so, will they be pleased to place a copy of their report on the Table.

(*j*) Why is it considered necessary to increase the allotment to the major institutions outside the State by closing several small ones within the State to the inconvenience of the travellers?

(*k*) Does not the reason under which the small *annachatrams* in the State were closed apply to the major ones outside?

(*l*) If so when will the closure of these major institutions be ordered?

(*m*) If these major institutions are not proposed to be closed, will the Government be pleased to realise the charitable purpose with which these *chatrams* were started?

(*n*) Are the Government aware that these *annachatrams* were established with a view to help the persons who were deprived of their *devadaya* and *brahmadaya inam* lands?

(*o*) If so, can these *chatrams* be closed?

(*p*) Will the Government be pleased to re-establish the *chatrams* which have been ordered to be closed?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) Accurate information on the point is not available. Many of these institutions were established during the reign of His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur III.

(*b*) Including three miscellaneous *dharmadaya* grants there were 69 *chatrams* in the State.

(*c*) From State Funds. The *chatrams* are ordinarily intended for Brahmin travellers and *Bhairagis*.

(*d*) 29 (*Vide* list attached.)

(*e*) As these *chatrams* no longer served their original purpose, owing to the advent of railways, the expansion of communication and the shifting of traffic and piligrim routes most of them were in the first instance ordered to be

converted into rest-houses, wherein travellers were to be provided with food on payment. But subsequently as it was brought to notice that these rest-houses served no useful purpose as there were private hotels in almost all places of importance where travellers could obtain food on payment, they were ordered to be abolished and the buildings wherever available, ordered to be handed over to the District Boards if they were prepared to take them over or to be disposed of by auction.

(*f*) Rs. 19,828-3-0.

	Rs.	a.	p.
(*g*) (i) Payment of fixed *nehimi* charges	4,484	4	0
(ii) *Tulamasa Santarpane* at Seringapatam and Paschimavahini	1,500	0	0
(iii) Local Fund *chatram* at Chikballapur	150	0	0
(iv) Additional grant to Tirupathi charities	2,785	15	0
(v) Balance available for further expenditure for similar charitable purposes	10,908	0	0

(*h*) *Vide* answer to (*g*)

(*i*) Yes. The report will be made available to the member for perusal.

(*j*) The small institutions were not abolished to find funds for major institutions outside the State. The abolition of the rest-houses and some of the *chatrams* was ordered as they were unnecessary and the savings thereby effected were utilised for providing additional grant to important institutions both within and outside the State for which the grants originally sanctioned were found to be quite inadequate.

(*k*) The answer is in the negative.

(*l*) The answer is in the negative.

(*m*) It is not possible to answer this question as the meaning is not clear.

(*n*) There is nothing to support the statement made.

(*o*) *Vide* answer to (n)

(*p*) Government do not consider it necessary to do so.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.

It is stated in the answer given that the chatrams are intended for Brahmin travellers and Bairagis. Can they not be made available for other castes also?

Second Member.

This is not an interpellation but a representation.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.

We want to make this representation.

Dewan.

That is not a supplementary question, I cannot therefore allow it.

MESSRS. K. RAMAKRISHNA IYER AND BYRE GOWDA, KOLAR TALUK, K. S. SHAMA RAO, MULBAGAL TALUK AND VENKATASAMI GOWDA, MALUR TALUK.—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Regarding the distress in the Kolar District during the year 1923-24, from November 1923 to the end of March 1924.

(*a*) What is the total number of applications received from the people for the grant of takavi and subsistence loans? How many were sanctioned, how many rejected and how many still pending disposal out of them?

(*b*) How many Village Improvement Works have been sanctioned? What is their estimated cost? How many works have been completed? How many are under execution? How many have not been begun? What is the amount to be paid for the works completed and pending payment?

(*c*) How many petitions have been received for sinking temporary wells? How many wells have been sanctioned? How many were completed? How many well works are going on? How many applications have been pending disposal? What is the allotment sanctioned by Government? What is the amount spent already? Is any more grant necessary?

(*d*) What is the amount sanctioned by Government for the restoration of and repairs to tanks? What is the amount already spent? In respect of how many works has there been correspondence between the Revenue Department and Public Works Department officers? Which of the tanks have been since restored? How many tank works are in progress? In how many cases have projects been prepared? What is their estimated cost? How many more projects are still under preparation.